

Washington County Circuit Court Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I get a continuance of a court date?

A. You need to request the continuance in writing prior to the court date and provide a copy of that request to the other party in the case. Clearly explain your reasons for the request. Your current address and a phone number should be provided to the Court. You should then contact the Court to see if the continuance has been granted.

Q. Where do I file a Small Claim?

A. In the Clerk's office in the main level of the Courthouse

Q. How much money can I file for in a Small Claim?

A. The maximum is now \$6,000.00 plus Court costs.

Q. How do I get a public defender?

A. You must request a public defender at your initial hearing or in writing. A written request may be hand written and should set out financial information that establish an inability to hire an attorney.

Q. How long do I have to wait before I can be divorced?

A. You must wait at least 60 days from the date the case is filed. Unless the parties file a written agreement, waiver of rights and decree of dissolution, they will need to request a hearing date to be held after 60 days. DIVORCE FORMS

Q. What do I do if someone I have a judgment against is not paying?

A. You may ask the clerk to set a hearing on a Proceeding Supplemental by filing a Motion for Proceeding Supplemental Form in the Clerk's Office. There is no additional cost for this procedure. You may also ask the clerk to send the debtor's employer Interrogatories. If he or she has sufficient income, you may then ask the Judge to order their wages garnished to pay your judgment in regular weekly or monthly payments.

Q. Can I call and talk to the Judge about a case?

A. No. The Judge has to remain impartial and can not speak with one side without the other side being present with all statements being recorded. He is not allowed to give legal advice.